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DOGM
MINERALS PROGRAM
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August 28, 1990

Mr. Thomas G. Wardell, Chairman
Uintah County Commission
County Building
152 East 100 North
Vernal, Utah 84078

Dear Mr. Wardell:

Re: Annual Site Inspection, Uintah County Asphalt Mine, M/047/022, Uintah County, Utah

The Division would like to extend our appreciation to Mr. Paul Fletch for accompanying Mr. Holland Shepherd and Mr. Tony Gallegos on the Division's annual inspection of the Uintah County's Asphalt Mine. The annual visit is part of our reclamation agreement with the County, as outlined in a July 19, 1989 letter from the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining Board Chairman, Greg Williams.

The Division has no major concerns, at this time, regarding activities on the site. Reclamation efforts carried out by the County are satisfactory and the reclamation plan, developed by the County in 1988, is being followed as agreed upon.

The Division commends Uintah County's reclamation progress; especially given the droughty condition of the last two years. We would recommend seeding areas R-2 and R-3 as late in the fall as possible to achieve optimum success. We also recommend following the Division's seeding recommendations outlined in our October 24, 1988 letter to Uintah County (attached).

Our staff spoke with Mr. Larry Allred of Pyramid Mining (AROC Mine) during our inspection of the area. Apparently, some of the AROC site was affected by county operations in the mid 80's. An area of about 2 acres is covered by overburden materials generated during pit excavation. We would suggest that Uintah County and Pyramid

Mining discuss the use of borrow material to place over the affected area at final reclamation of the AROC mine site. After an agreement has been made, it could be formalized with this Division.

Please contact me, Holland or Tony if you have any concerns or questions in this regard. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Wayne Hedberg". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "D." and last name "Hedberg" clearly distinguishable.

D. Wayne Hedberg
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Attachment

cc: Lowell Braxton
Tony Gallegos
Holland Shepherd

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Page 31 and 32 - Reclamation Plan, Seed Mixtures:

DOGM Recommendation (8-26-88)

To increase success probability of initial revegetation, the Division recommended the following seed mixtures:

<u>Seed Mixture #1</u>	<u>Pure Live Seed/lb</u>
Grasses:	
Thickspike Wheatgrass	3
Streambank Wheatgrass	3
Crested Wheatgrass	2
Russian Wildrye	3
Forbs:	
Cicer Milkvetch	1
Yellow Sweet Clover	1
Total	= 16 lbs

<u>Seed Mixture #2</u>	<u>Pure live Seed/lb</u>
Grasses:	
Crested Wheatgrass	2
Thickspike Wheatgrass	3
Indian Ricegrass	3
Russian Wildrye	3
Forbs:	
Cicer Milkvetch	1
Yellow Sweet Clover	1
Total	= 13 lbs

Seed Mixture #3

Shrubs:	
Four Wing Saltbrush	3
Winterfat	2
Rabbitbrush	.75
Total	= 5.75 lbs

Uintah County Proposal (10-6-88)

Seed Mixture recommendation is acceptable.

DOGM Requirement (10-24-88)

The MRP must reflect changes in seed mixture.